

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Tuesday, January 29, 2008

10:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Scott, Moolenaar, Hoogendyk, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, and Opsommer.

Representative Clack moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Moolenaar moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Polidori, Emmons, Steil and Knollenberg.

The Chair laid HB 4042 before the committee.

**HB 4042      Lemmons      Education; attendance; compulsory attendance age; increase to age 18.**

Kathleen Straus and Elizabeth Bauer, representing the Michigan State Board of Education, testified before the committee in support of HB 4042.

Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan, testified before the committee in support of HB 4042.

Jim Sandy, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence, testified before the committee in opposition to HB 4042.\*

Don Watruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified before the committee in support of HB 4042.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, testified before the committee in opposition to HB 4042.

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, testified before the committee with a neutral position on HB 4042.

David Kallman, representing himself, testified before the committee in opposition to HB 4042.

Professor William Wagner, representing himself, testified before the committee with a neutral position on HB 4042.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of HB 4042 but did not wish to speak:

Lisa Hanskenecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education.  
Aaron P. Tabor, representing the Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education.  
Tyrone Sanders, representing Detroit Public Schools.  
Representative LaMar Lemmons Jr.  
Jim Ballard, representing Secondary School Principals.

Amy Hawkins, representing Citizens for Traditional Values, turned in a testimony card in opposition to HB 4042 but did not wish to speak.

The Chairman announced the creation of the Subcommittee on High School Alternatives. Appointed to the subcommittee are:  
Representatives Hopgood (Chair), Lindberg, Dean, Opsommer, and Emmons.

Chairman Melton placed the committee at ease, the time being 12:16 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

Representative Brown moved to adopt the following amendments to HB 4042:

1. Amend page 1, line 2, by striking out all of line 2 through "year." on line 5 and inserting "**FOR A CHILD ENTERING GRADE 9 BEFORE 2009, THE CHILD'S** parent, guardian, or other person in this state having control and charge of ~~a~~~~THE~~ ~~child from the~~ ~~age of 6 to the child's sixteenth birthday~~ shall send ~~that~~ ~~THE~~ child to a public school during the entire school year **FROM THE AGE OF 6 TO THE CHILD'S SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, FOR A CHILD ENTERING GRADE 9 IN 2009 OR LATER, THE CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR OTHER PERSON IN THIS STATE HAVING CONTROL AND CHARGE OF THE CHILD SHALL SEND THE CHILD TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL DURING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE AGE OF 6 TO THE CHILD'S EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.**".
2. Amend page 3, line 18, after "**HER**" by striking out "**EIGHTEENTH**" and inserting "**SIXTEENTH**".
3. Amend page 3, line 18, after "birthday" by inserting a comma and "**OR HIS OR HER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY IF THE CHILD ENTERS GRADE 9 IN 2009 OR LATER,**".

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-3-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Scott, Moolenaar, Pearce and Opsommer,

Nays: Representatives Hoogendyk, Hildenbrand, and Schuitmaker.

Pass: None,

Representative Valentine moved to report out HB 4042 as substitute (H-3) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-6-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner and Scott,

Nays: Representatives Moolenaar, Hoogendyk, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker and Opsommer,

Pass: Representative Miller.

**HB 4042 (H-2) reported out with recommendation.**

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:28 p.m.

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Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Eric Esch  
Acting Committee Clerk  
January 29, 2008  
1 hour 58 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates written materials attached to report out file.

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